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- ☒ The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of Japanese patent application No. JP 60-82651 (and its English translation) is enclosed. The remaining references were cited or made of record in prior application serial Nos. 10/678,091 and 10/059,187 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,665,508), as were either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.

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**RELATED CASES**

- ☐ Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.

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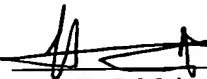
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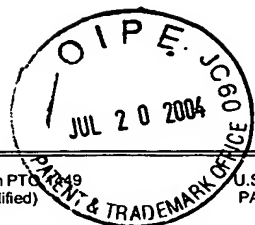
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